

## STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The United States of America was founded upon the premise that all citizens

should be able to enjoy the blessings of freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS: These rewards Americans enjoy are the direct result of the countless sacrifices

that Veterans have made; and

WHEREAS: Many members of the Royal Lao Armed Forces worked closely with United

States Armed Forces from 1960 until 1975 to ensure the safety and success of

United States Soldiers; and

WHEREAS: For that reason, many members of the Royal Lao Armed Forces paid the ultimate

sacrifice in defense of freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS: The United States of America and the State of Minnesota owe a debt of gratitude

to those in the Royal Lao Armed Forces who served courageously and with

honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 23, 2013 as:

## ROYAL LAO ARMED FORCES DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

Mark Vitchie